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FOR USREP ICAO

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SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

REFERENCE: (A) WP/6699 13-2-78; (B) WP/6699 DISCUSSION
PAPER 20-3-78; (C) WP/6733 18-5-78

1. THE SUGGESTED REVISED PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTORS, SPONSORED BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, EGYPT,
HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MADAGASCAR, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NIGERIA,
SENEGAL AND TANZANIA (DISCUSSION PAPER RELATED TO WP/6699
OF 20-3-78) IS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT
THE BASIS OF SELECTION OF DIRECTORS AWAY FROM TECHNICAL
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QUALIFICATIONS TO POLITICAL PATRONAGE. AS SUCH IT IS
ENTIRELY DEROGATORY TO THE EFFICIENCY OF ICAO AND SHOULD
BE OPPOSED BY USREP.

2. THE IDEA OF A SECRET BALLOT SELECTION OF DIRECTORS (D-2)
BY THE COUNCIL IS CONTRARY TO THE PRACTICE IN ALL UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND WOULD BE AN UNWANTED POLITICIZATION

OF ICAO.

3. THE PURPOSE OF ICAO IS TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE CIVIL AVIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORLD, NOT TO PROVIDE POSITIONS OF PRESTIGE FOR AVIATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUCRATS ON A GEOPOLITICAL FORMULA.

4. WE SEE NO POINT IN TRYING TO TEMPORIZE OR SUBLIMATE PROPOSALS SUCH AS THE REFERENCED "SUGGESTED REVISED PROCEDURES." THE USREP SHOULD OPPOSE THE PROPOSALS FORMALLY IN COUNCIL AND INFORMALLY IN OFF-THE-FLOOR CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATES.

5. SPONSORING DELEGATES SHOULD BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN HOW THEIR SUGGESTED REVISED PROCEDURE WOULD IMPROVE THE WORK OF ICAO.

6. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH TWO OF THE "SUGGESTED REVISED PROCEDURE," THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD REJECT OUT OF HAND ANY APPLICATION WHICH IN HIS OPINION DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION. SUCH APPLICATIONS MERIT NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY ANYONE, ON GEOGRAPHICAL OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS. IT IS DEPRESSING TO THINK THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOMINATE CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION.

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7. WE NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL AT ITS 80TH SESSION (80-9) DECIDED TO PUT ON ITS WORK PROGRAM FOR ITS 81ST SESSION AN ITEM ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS, BUT THAT IT DID NOT IN FACT REVERT TO THE QUESTION AT THE 81ST SESSION NOR SINCE, UNTIL THE DISCUSSION PAPER INCLUDE IT ON THE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE 93RD SESSION.

8. IT IS HOPED THAT THE "SUGGESTED REVISED PROCEDURES" WILL BE REJECTED IN FAVOR OF THE EXISTING PROCEDURES. CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF TENURE, WE BELIEVE THE RULES IN THE APPENDIX TO C-WP/6699 SHOULD BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

9. YOUR VIEWS, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE, WOULD BE WELCOMED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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